



The Nebraska Home Care Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comment regarding proposed changes to the LPN certification program. Our association members support an Enhanced Licensure Compact, in order to help expand the pool of qualified nurses that are available to deliver home and community based healthcare services for citizens in Nebraska and throughout the United States.

The association requests that competency testing would be part of any future nursing programs and training for LPNs. In order to ensure that patients received high quality, skilled care, registered nurses (RNs) should start any type of infusion that is required for a patient. LPNs could be allowed to change PICC dressings and administer medications through IVs, with the provision that they would receive thorough training and close supervision by an RN.

Thank you for considering these requests, to help ensure that our state's citizens receive the highest quality healthcare possible in the home and in their local communities.